

BROOKLYN NEWS.

RE-ELECT SUPERVISOR KEHOE.

Brooklyn Democratic Aldermen Attempt Another Steal.

Nathan Apparently in Control of the Next Board.

The Brooklyn Board of Aldermen made a last struggle this morning to give control of the Board of Supervisors to the Democrats by calling a special meeting and reappointing Supervisor George Kehoe, of the Eighth Ward, to succeed himself for the year 1894.

It was a most peculiar proceeding engineered by Alderman Arthur J. Heaney. About two months ago Kehoe was appointed Supervisor to succeed Supervisor Stokewes, deceased. Kehoe was appointed to serve the unexpired term of Stokewes, which ended Dec. 30, 1893.

The Republicans raised a point of law showing that the Aldermen could only appoint Kehoe to serve until Jan. 1, 1894. But the Aldermen, knowing that their successors would be mostly Republicans, who could elect a Republican and make the Board of Supervisors Republican, heeded not the law.

Now, however, they have decided that although they did not have power to appoint Kehoe two months ago, such appointment would hold good if made to-day.

When the meeting was called to order Kehoe's resignation was read and accepted. He was immediately re-elected to serve another year.

Alderman Thomas (Rep.) asked the Democratic members how they could believe they had power to-day when they knew now did not exist two months ago. Alderman Thomas and other Republicans hold now that Kehoe can only serve as Supervisor until the end of this official year, which is midnight to-morrow.

The Democratic members of the Board of Supervisors held a caucus last night at which it was decided to re-elect John Y. McKane as President pro tem.

There was a lively meeting at the office of Albert S. McDonald, the new Corporation Counsel of Brooklyn, this morning, at which the Democratic Board of Aldermen was considered.

There were present Mayor-elect Scherren, the Aldermen-elect and some of the new Mayor's cabinet.

It is an open secret now that Nathan has gained control of the Aldermen, and through that body also controls the Supervisors. This, it is thought, is due to the policy adopted by Mr. Scherren to make promises to no one.

The new Board is already divided in two factions. Of the fifteen members Nathan is said to have pledged eight. This, it is thought, is seriously handicapping the new administration. Mr. Scherren is receiving a great deal of blame and one of the new members of his cabinet, an interview with an "Evening World" reporter this morning, boldly said he was responsible for all the trouble.

By adhering to the policy of making no promises the Mayor-elect is playing into the hands of Nathan, who pledged the Aldermen by offering patronage which they already controlled," said the cabinet officer.

Alderman-elect Droge, of the Seventh Ward, is ready to jump over Mr. Scherren's side and turn the tables on Nathan. Mr. Droge went to see Mr. Scherren yesterday and offered to put out his force, but Mr. Scherren would not listen to him. As a result we shall lose the Chairman of the Board, and the affairs will be in the hands of the same old machine.

LOOK OUT FOR BAD CHECKS.

A Man is Working Successfully in Brooklyn.

A general alarm was sent out this morning by Supt. Campbell, of the Brooklyn police, warning the members of the force to look out for a man who is swindling storekeepers in various parts of the city with worthless checks.

The latest victim is Robert Schrah, a grocer, of 79 De Kalb avenue, who cashed a check and \$24.95, and endorsed "George Shaw" and "Indorsed by T. Terry," and Peter Stalmecht, of 187 Washington avenue, who put out \$24 on a check bearing the indorsement of "John Hayward."

The swindler, described as twenty-four years old, 5 feet 4 inches in height, dark complexion and shabbily dressed.

FOUGHT OVER A WOMAN.

The Woman Got the Worst of the Row, Too.

Justices Goetting, in the Lee Avenue Court, Williamsburg, to-day held Frank Sumito, twenty-six years old, of 26 North Second street, to await examination on a charge of assault.

In the Italian colony where Sumito is a woman named Mary Martin. Last night there was a gathering in the woman's house, and Mary announced her intention of taking another husband. The woman was angry and told the man that she was going to leave him. She was badly cut about the face and head with a joint which she says was wielded by Sumito.

PUT POISON IN HIS BEER.

Cowles Drank It and Then Ran Home to Die.

Coroner Creamer, of Williamsburg, was notified to-day of the suicide of William Cowles, of 75 Park avenue, and will hold an inquest.

Cowles was a machinist and had been out of work for some time. Yesterday he went into a Tompkins avenue saloon and poured carbolic acid into a glass of beer, drank it and then ran out, reaching home just in time to die.

POLICE CONTRIBUTE OVER \$6,000

The Money to Be Used for the Relief of Brooklyn's Poor.

Reports received at Brooklyn Police Headquarters to-day indicate that the fund contributed by members of the Department for the relief of the poor will amount to between \$5,000 and \$7,000.

The money has been subscribed solely by attaches of the police force. It will be turned on the next pay day and turned over to the committee in charge of the Relief Fund.

Proposed New Police Precinct.

It now looks as though the proposed new police precinct in Brooklyn would be created before the expiration of Commissioner Hayden's term. Detective-Sergeant James Reynolds is spoken of as the commander of the new precinct. Sgt. Reynolds, who has been on the force for many years, was recently detached from ward work in the Twenty-second precinct, and on duty at the District Attorney's office. He is popular with policemen and citizens.

Accused of Stealing \$250.

Michael Hayes, forty-four years old, of 1055 Olive avenue, Brooklyn, was arrested to-day by Detective Shaugnessy, of the District Attorney's office, on a charge of stealing \$250 belonging to Capt. Greene, A. O. P., of which he was Treasurer.

Fire in a Mission.

Shortly after midnight this morning flames were discovered in a small frame building on Prospect place, between Utica and Rochester avenues. The building is used as a Baptist mission. The fire was extinguished after causing a damage of about \$500.

BROOKLYN'S DIVORCE MILL.

Decrees Granted to Mrs. Nau and Mrs. Endres.

Mulford, Walsh and Kelly Accused by Their Wives.

Justice Bartlett, in Supreme Court, Brooklyn, this morning heard testimony in a suit for absolute divorce brought by Isabella Nau against August C. Nau, formerly a well-known furniture dealer. The Naus were married in 1870, and have five children. Witnesses testified that the defendant had lived with Annie Woebcke as her husband. She died and he became friendly with her sister, Rebecca. An entry in the family Bible reads, "My beloved wife, Annie, is dead."

Witnesses testified that Rebecca Woebcke gave birth to a son, of which Nau was said to be the father. A decree was granted to Mrs. Nau.

Catherine Endres sued her husband, Joseph Endres, for a separation. The couple were married Nov. 5, 1891, and have one child, a son two years old. Ill-treating her less than one month after they were married. He beat and kicked her, and she left him and went to her mother, but returned to her husband. She left him and went to her mother, but returned to her husband. She left him and went to her mother, but returned to her husband.

What kind of a life did he lead? she was asked.

"A wild, roving life—stealing and carrying on outrageously."

"He was sent to Sing Sing for three years and six months."

Catherine Mulford's suit for absolute divorce from her husband, Thomas Mulford, was next brought to trial. The couple were married in New York City in 1880. They separated in August, 1888. Mulford found that he was living in a rooming house at 22 Broomfield street, testified that Mulford occupied the top floor, sharing the apartment with Mrs. Mulford and her mother. Logan had told witness that Mulford was his father.

Bartlett declined to grant a decree upon the evidence presented, and the case was adjourned to allow the plaintiff to put in more testimony.

Testimony was heard in a suit brought by Kate Walsh against Thomas Walsh. They were married April 26, 1878. Mrs. Walsh has not seen her husband since one year after they were married. They have one child. The alleged correspondence is now living in California. Declaration was reserved.

In the suit brought by Lillie C. Kelly against George Tracy Kelly, witnesses testified that Kelly had accompanied a woman to the Metropolitan Hotel in January, 1892.

Decision was reserved.

JUSTICE STRAWSOR ABSENT.

His Failure to Appear Will Necessitate the Retrial of a Case.

RIVERHEAD, L. I., Dec. 30.—The Special Sessions of the County Court has adjourned until after New Year's. It was called yesterday and County Judge Smith and Justice of Sessions Cooper appeared on the Bench. The other Justice of Sessions, Strawson, failed to put in an appearance. The Court waited for him twenty-four hours and then adjourned until after New Year's day.

Judge Strawson's term expires on Jan. 1. Justice Cooper, of Southampton, succeeds him. A Greenport case was commenced at a previous session at which Justice Strawson was present, and he heard part of the evidence. No justice can be appointed to take his place in continuing the hearing of the case. The case, therefore, will have to be commenced all over again.

Justice Strawson left Northport for Brooklyn on Thursday last, telling Under Sheriff Skidmore that he would be on hand at Northport. No word has been received from him, however, and his action causes much surprise.

An injunction was served on the Comptroller.

This is the second time the sale was prevented by similar action.

John H. Starin, who was a bidder and objected to the terms of the lease, interfered with the other sale.

Peter Wilkens, who describes himself as a taxpayer, obtained the restraining order from Judge Tracy in the Supreme Court, on the ground that the conditions of the lease are onerous and illegal. The particular part of the lease objected to is that providing that the lessee, if any other than the present holder, must reimburse the Company for wharf improvements to the extent of \$20,000.

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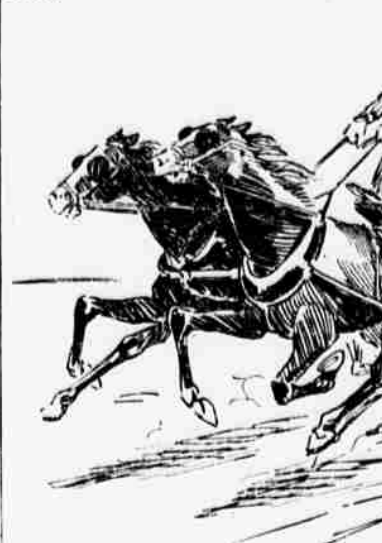
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TROLLEY EMERGENCY CREWS.

A New Feature of Brooklyn's Electric Transit System.

Broken Wires Repaired and Blockades Raised in Quick Time.

Brooklyn is covered with a network of electric trolley wires. If any one of them breaks there is danger of destruction and death.



In these times when the trolley-car slaughter from one to two people a day, the public is apt to condemn the whole system. The big trolley companies have, however, introduced a plan for repairing breaks in the wires which is interesting.

The Atlantic Avenue and Brooklyn City companies have regularly trained emergency crews. The mission of these crews is to repair the feed and trolley wires when an accident occurs, and to clear the tracks in case of a wreck.

The Atlantic Avenue Company has three emergency stations, two on Atlantic, near Third avenue, and one at Fifth avenue and Twenty-fifth street.

The Atlantic Avenue stations look out for all that part of the city north of Bergen street. The Fifth Avenue station guards the rest of the Company's tracks.

The Brooklyn City Company has four stations. The main station is at 240 Herkimer street. The others are at Fifty-second street and Second avenue, De Kalb and Hudson avenues, and Flushing near Bushwick avenue.

The Herkimer station, the De Kalb and Hudson avenues, and Flushing near Bushwick avenue, protect the Bedford and East New York districts. The Second Avenue station looks after South Brooklyn. The De Kalb Avenue station guards the lower part of the city, and the Flushing Avenue station is responsible for the Williamsburg district.

The outfit at each of the stations is small. The system is very much like that used in the police patrol or fire service.

The Superintendent of the Atlantic Avenue Company's corps is E. B. Gunn. The Brooklyn City emergency superintendent is H. M. Brockbank. Each crew consists of a foreman and four men. The wagons are similar to the police patrol wagons.

ENJOINS THE FERRY SALE.

The Staten Island Franchise Lease Declared to Be Illegal.

Who Is Peter Wilkens, Who Obtained the Injunction?

The sale of the Staten Island ferry franchise, which was to have taken place to-day in the office of Comptroller Myers, was stopped by legal proceedings.

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patrol wagons. They are large, heavy and well built. There is a gang on the front of each wagon which clings as the horses dash over the pavements to the scene of trouble.

At each station there are two teams of horses—one team for day and the other for night work. They are stabled, when on duty, beside the wagons. They are trained like fire horses to run under the swinging patent harness at the sound of the bell.

The crew has a room near the stable, in which the men remain at all times when on duty. In this room is a telephone and fire-alarm signal bell. This bell rings for every alarm of fire in the city.

The emergency wagons answer every alarm of fire in any part of the district in which the Company's wires are located. If a break occurs in a wire or car, that break is telephoned to the nearest emergency station and the wagons are quickly out on the way to the wreck.



Each member of the crew is provided with a fire badge, which gives him admission to the fire lines. The crews are not uniformed.

The wagons are interesting features of the system. They are stocked with everything that is necessary to handle broken wires or wrecked trolleys. There are blocks, tackle, ropes, insulators and kits of tools, lanterns, crowbars, shovels, axes, saws and a lot of other things necessary in time of trouble on the lines.

Some of the wagons are equipped more especially for wrecking purposes. These wagons are fitted out with duplicates of a trolley car, from the trolley to the wheels.

The crews are being trained every day and pride themselves on their ability to get out of their quarters in quick time after an alarm has been received.

Recently one of the Atlantic Avenue crews cleared its way through a pile of wreckage to a wrecked car, which had been jammed up against a building.

The Brooklyn City crews can make equally good time.

The crews are not provided with very good quarters just now, as the system is new. It is the intention of the company to perfect the emergency system as far as it is possible.

When a break in a trolley wire formerly made a blockade of the entire line for hours the time is now reduced to minutes.

ACCUSED DUANE WRONGFULLY.

Turill Told a Policeman that Steve Brodie Hit Him.

In the Tombs Court this morning Alfred Turill, a big colored man, with battered face and head, was charged with being drunk, and Michael Duane, who said he was a driver and lived at 20 West Forty-second street, was charged with assault on Turill.

The men were arrested late last night in front of Steve Brodie's saloon, on the Bowery, by Policeman Flaherty, of the Mulberry street station.

In said this morning the giant colored man said he was a singer and made a living by singing in saloons. He said Duane knocked him down and kicked him last night without any provocation.

Duane, in his own defense, said that Turill insulted him and he merely pushed him away. Justice Martin, however, decided against Duane and held him for trial.

"Can I say a word about this case, Judge?" asked Policeman Flaherty. "Certainly," replied his Honor.

Turill an hour before he says Duane insulted him, and he was then suffering from the injuries he has now. He then told the particular part of the case. Steve Brodie, who was angry at him because he would not sing a certain song.

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NOTICE.

New York Life Insurance Co.,

346 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, December 30, 1893.

Pursuant to Section 44 of the Insurance Code, the books and records of this Company have been closed for the calendar year 1893.

The financial statement for the year will be published, in full, on or before January 15, 1894. The Company is able to announce, notwithstanding the financial depression of the past six months, that the Actual New Business of the year, not including old policies revived, paid-up insurance granted for old policies surrendered, or reversionary additions by dividends, was the largest by \$50,000,000 of any year in the Company's history, and exceeds greatly the largest amount recorded in one year by any company in the world. The new issues of 1893 exceed

82,000 POLICIES,

INSURING OVER

\$223,000,000.

JOHN A. McCALL, President.

NEW JERSEY.

BURGLARS BUSY IN JERSEY.

Seven Stations of the N. J. and N. Y. Railroad Looted.

Slot Machines and Express Packages Broken Open.

HILLSDALE, N. J., Dec. 30.—Seven of the New Jersey and New York Railroad stations, between Hillsdale and Hackensack, were visited by burglars last night. Automatic weighing machines were broken open, the money bags cut off with a knife, and the contents carried away.

Ticket cases were broken open, tickets were scattered over the floors and express packages were rifled. The greater part of the money obtained was from the weighing-machines.

The stations broken open were: Central avenue, Hackensack; Cherry Hill, Riveredge, New Milford, Oradell, Etta, and Westwood. The thieves secured the most booty at Oradell. Besides taking the money from the weighing-machines, they took a package that contained a suit of clothes belonging to F. F. Bulkley, and broke open a package of fancy goods belonging to a Mrs. Scott.

William Covert, a brakeman on a freight train, found a box of writing paper and a woman's stocking supposed to have been taken from the package of Mrs. Scott and dropped by the burglars in their hurry.

For the last three years the stations on the lower end of the road have been broken into once a year regularly, and some of them often, especially Central avenue, which has been entered three or four times during the past year.